

# Kindergarten English/literacy – Phonics

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## Things your child will need

**Have these things available so your child can complete this task.**

### Ideal

- Lesson videos: [GOCK Lesson 3](#), [GOCK Lesson 4](#)
- Books: [GOCK Book 3](#), [GOCK Book 4](#)
- [Week 6 suggested lesson sequence](#)
- Blank sheets of paper or workbook
- Pencils

### Backup

- Decodable text or early reader which includes opportunities to practise these sounds.

## Before your child starts

Make sure your child has everything ready that they will need at the start of the lesson. There are 2 video lessons for the week and 2 books to read throughout the week.

Check that the videos are working and that the volume is turned up for the video lessons. It will help if your child is in a quiet environment because it is very important to hear how the phonemes (sounds) are pronounced.

Print and fold the books.

If your child has already learnt these phonemes, this will be a good chance to practise and strengthen this learning.

## What your child needs to do

that are represented by these graphemes (letters) 'g', 'o', 'c', 'k', 'ck'. They will learn to recognise each grapheme, and they will learn to blend the phonemes together so that they can read and write words. Phonemes are introduced in an order so that words can be made straight away from the phonemes that have been taught.

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### What your child can do next

Your child will need to watch each video for their phonics lesson and then read the book.

Day 1 – watch [GOCK Lesson 3](#) and read [Book 3](#).

Day 2 – watch [GOCK Lesson 4](#) and read [Book 4](#).

These video lessons can be completed separately, or they can be completed as part of the [suggested weekly sequence](#).

Check that your child is pronouncing the sounds correctly. Look at their mouth, are they forming the phoneme correctly? There will be questions in the video that your child needs to respond to. Encourage your child to respond out loud.

You may consider pausing the videos at times if your child needs more time to respond to the questions. It is important your child says and hears the sounds as they see the corresponding letter on the screen.

When reading the books, support your child to look at the letters and say the phonemes that they represent and blend those phonemes together to read the word.

The independent practice activities can be completed following the lesson for further practice.

### Options for your child

#### Activity too hard?

You can slow down the learning by pausing and providing more time to practise.

You can focus on being able to say the sound when the letter is displayed.

### Options for your child

#### Activity too easy?

You could focus more on the blending of the words and manipulating the order of the phonemes.

For example, "I have 'gap'. Change a grapheme to make cap." "I have cap, change a phoneme to make cop".

### Extension/Additional activity

- Look for the letters 'g' 'o' 'c' 'k' and 'ck' around the house and encourage saying the phoneme that those letters can represent.
- Brainstorm words that have the sounds in them that have been learnt.
- Write the letters 'g', 'o', 'c' 'k' and 'ck' on post-it notes in both capitals and lower-case and scatter them throughout the house. Look for those letters around your home and say the phoneme out loud that is represented by those letters for more practise. Make it fun!
- Re-read the books throughout the day. Read them aloud.
- The lessons can be repeated at other times throughout the day for further practice. Repetition supports learning.

# Kindergarten English/literacy – Handwriting



## Things your child will need

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### Ideal

- Lesson videos: [handwriting – 'c'](#)
- [Handwriting worksheets](#)
- Blank paper or workbook
- Pencils
- Week 6 [suggested lesson sequence](#)

### Backup

- Use blank paper ruled with lines, try to copy the same handwriting practice lines as on the worksheets.

## Before your child starts

Make sure your child has everything ready that they will need at the start of the lesson. There is one video lesson and one handwriting worksheet to complete throughout the week.

Check that the videos are working and that the volume is turned up for the video lessons. It will help if your child is in a quiet environment so that they can hear all of the instructions and learn how to form the letters correctly.

Print the worksheets.

## What your child needs to do

In these lessons your child will be learning to correctly form the letter c, in both the lower case and the capital form. It is important for your child to hold the pencil correctly (the parent's guide to handwriting in the package has an image to refer to). It is also important to follow the instructions for the direction that letter is formed in.

## What your child can do next

Your child will need to watch each video for their handwriting lesson and complete the worksheet throughout the week.

Day 1 – watch [handwriting – 'c'](#) and complete the lower case and upper case ['c' worksheet](#).

These video lessons can be completed separately, or they can be completed as part of the [suggested weekly sequence](#).

Check that your child is forming the letters correctly. If you notice your child doing something incorrectly you could show them the right way, and do some more practise.

There will be questions in the video that your child needs to respond to. Encourage your child to interact with the lesson by responding out loud. You may consider pausing the videos at times if your child needs more time to respond to the questions.

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## English/literacy – Handwriting

### Options for your child

#### Activity too hard?

You can slow down the learning by pausing and providing more time to practise.

If your child is finding forming the letters difficult ('k' can be tricky for some young learners) try gently placing your hand over theirs and move their hand for them, so that they can feel the movement.

Sometimes writing the letter on the page and asking your child to trace over the letter can assist with learning the formation.

#### Activity too easy?

Encourage students to write words using the letters.

Give students more practise writing the letters from left to right across the page, making sure that all letters are of similar size and consistent slope.

### Extension/Additional activity

- Find the letters from the lesson in printed materials around the house and ask your child to use their finger to trace over the letter, paying attention to the direction for the correct formation.
- Say the phonemes (sounds) that these letters can represent while they are writing them.
- Rainbow writing. Write the letters in a light colour (like yellow) on the page and ask your child to trace over the letter many times, each time in a different colour to create 'rainbow writing'.
- Take turns writing the letters on a partner's back with a pointed finger. The partner has to try to guess the letter that the writer wrote.
- Play a guessing game where you describe the letter and your child has to respond. For example, "I am thinking about a tall letter that goes straight down, then across. What is it?"
- Make the letters out of playdough.
- Set a challenge to form the letter shapes with their bodies.



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## English/literacy – High frequency sight words

### Things your child will need

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#### Ideal

- Lesson videos: [Lesson 1 – come here like](#), [Lesson 2 – went then](#)
- [High frequency sight word activity sheets](#)
- Blank paper or workbook
- Pencils and a dice
- [Week 6 suggested lesson sequence](#)

#### Backup

- Use blank paper to reproduce the activity sheets.
- Scissors

### Before your child starts

Make sure your child has everything ready that they will need at the start of the lesson. There are 2 video lessons and 2 activity sheets to complete during the lesson, throughout the week.

Check that the videos are working and that the volume is turned up for the video lessons. It will help if your child is in a quiet environment so that they can hear all of the instructions.

Print the activity sheets. Cut out the dominoes. Your child may need some assistance with this. Your child may also need some assistance to become familiar with the game of dominoes.

### What your child needs to do

In these lessons your child will be learning to read and write some high frequency sight words. These are words that are seen often in the books that your child is reading and being able to recognise them and say them automatically helps with smooth, flowing reading. It also helps them to write more efficiently as well.

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### English/literacy – High frequency sight words

#### What your child can do next

Your child will need to watch each video for their high frequency sight word lesson and complete the activity throughout the week.

Day 1 – watch [Lesson 1 – come here like](#) and complete [Activity sheet 1: Sight words dominoes](#).

Day 2 – watch [Lesson – went then](#), and complete [Activity sheet 2: Sight words dominoes](#).

These video lessons and activity sheets can be completed separately, or they can be completed as part of the [suggested weekly sequence](#).

Check that your child recognising the words and saying them correctly. There will be questions in the video that your child needs to respond to. Encourage your child to respond out loud. You may consider pausing the videos at times if your child needs more time to respond to the questions or to complete tasks such as writing.

#### Extension/Additional activity

- It is important that your child continues to work on quick recognition of words previously learnt, as well as the new words. Flash cards and matching games will help with this. It is helpful to vary the activities to maintain high levels of interest and engagement.
- If your child has access to a computer or a portable electronic device, they can practise typing out their sight words in a word processing program or app.
- If your child has a blackboard and chalk they can use these to practise writing their words.
- If you have plastic magnetic letters (such as on your fridge door) or other letters (such as from a board game, or LEGO) your child could use these to make the words.
- Be a word detective and look for the words in books, catalogues and magazines.
- Find the words in magazines and cut them out, and stick on a page to make a collage.
- Make the words using Play Dough. Play dough can be easily made at home – just perform an online search for a recipe.

#### Options for your child

##### Activity too hard?

You can slow down the learning by pausing and providing more time to practise.

If your child is finding forming the letters difficult to write the words, write the words on the page in a light colour such as yellow and encourage them to trace the words instead.

##### Activity too easy?

If your child is finding these words easy, extend the activity by asking your child to say these words in interesting sentences.

# Kindergarten English/literacy – Shared reading



## Things your child will need

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### Ideal

- Lesson video: [Belinda – vocabulary](#)
- [Week 6 suggested lesson sequence](#)

### Backup

- A copy of the book *Belinda* written and illustrated by Pamela Allen and published by Penguin Random House Australia.

## What your child needs to do

Your child is learning to think critically when listening to a story. Your child needs to know that people bring different experiences, thoughts and ideas to a story, and this can change how we understand it. They are learning to look at a story and think about the author and illustrator's message.

It is important your child engages with a range of texts, including imaginative, persuasive and informative. These lessons will help your child to use new vocabulary and the concept of narrative. The structure of a story includes a beginning, complication and an end and students in Early Stage 1 are learning to recognise this.

## Before your child starts

Make sure your child has everything ready at the start of the lesson. There are 2 video lessons to work through. The videos can be watched without being dependent on any previous lessons, however there is a [suggested sequence](#).

Check that the video is working and that the volume is turned up for the video lesson. It will help if your child is in a quiet environment.

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## English/literacy – Shared reading

### What your child can do next

Your child will need to watch and listen to each video carefully, just like they do when the teacher at school is sharing a story with them. During the video, you may like to pause as children are asked to respond to prompts and questions. Encourage your child to do this aloud so you can hear what they are thinking and check for understanding. Discussion encourages understanding of the story and provides an opportunity to ask and answer questions.

Day 1 – watch [Belinda – vocabulary](#).

These video lessons can be completed separately, or they can be completed as part of the [suggested weekly sequence](#).

At the end of the video, talk about the new vocabulary discussed in the lesson. The word 'plenty' is introduced and practised. It is important children are exposed to increasingly sophisticated vocabulary, and 'plenty' is better than 'lots of' or 'heaps of'.

Alternatives for the word 'said' are explored. A word that appropriately and more accurately describes a voiced reaction or action provides more detail and enrichment to a story than 'said'. Learning and practising new vocabulary impacts a child's oral language, which in turn impacts their writing.

### Options for your child

#### Activity too hard?

Listen to the story together and talk about the word 'plenty'. Use the word genuinely in discussions with your child and provide opportunities for your child to use it.

Examples:

- Have you had enough to eat?
- You've had plenty of time to play today.

#### Activity too easy?

After the reading, create a bank of words instead of 'said' for future reference, there are so many alternatives you can add to the list as they are discovered.

Your child could write a story of their own, describing another incident on the farm that involves dialogue. This will provide an opportunity for your child to practise their bank of words.

### Extension/Additional activity

- Your child might like to write a story, play, poem or draw a picture that describes all the farm activities Old Tom and Bessie may need to do everyday. These could include: gardening, cooking, tending crops, collecting chicken eggs, mucking out stables, watering and feeding various animals.
- When reading other books throughout the week with your child, keep a track of words used, instead of 'said'.



# Kindergarten English/literacy – Modelled writing



## Things your child will need

**Have these things available so your child can complete this task.**

### Ideal

- Lesson video: [Belinda – Modelled writing 2](#)
- [Week 6 suggested lesson sequence](#)
- Paper and pencils

### Backup

- A copy of the book *Belinda* by Pamela Allen, published by Penguin Random House, Australia.

## Before your child starts

Make sure your child has everything that they will need at the start of the lesson. This is a 1 video lesson. Check that the volume is turned up and that your child is in a quiet environment.

The videos can be watched without being dependent on any previous lessons, however there is a [suggested sequence](#).

## What your child needs to do

Your child needs to know that spoken words can be recorded as print. Then the words can be read over and over again because the print will not change. Words carry meaning and messages.

This lesson will allow your child to coordinate multiple skills, including handwriting skills, critical thinking, composing, refining, re-reading and editing. It is important your child learns to write independently, and feel confident in their abilities to do this, but they may need assistance and support in the beginning.

As your child is learning the alphabetic code, invented spelling is expected. When incorrect letters are recorded for similar sounds (phonemes), for example, your child may write 'fat' for 'that' or letters are missed, for example 'wen' instead of 'when' praise your child for good listening to the phonemes, indicate which letters they recorded correctly and then record the word correctly above their attempt.

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## English/literacy – Modelled writing

### What your child can do next

Day 1 – watch [Belinda – Modelled writing 2](#).

These video lessons can be completed separately, or they can be completed as part of the [suggested weekly sequence](#).

After watching the video, discuss the story Belinda, and what your child might like to draw and write about. Encourage your child to draw and write by themselves. They may use some of the high frequency sight words and some of the learnt phonemes to stretch out words, and the corresponding graphemes to write them down.

### Options for your child

#### Activity too hard?

Ask your child to draw a picture and together you write labels for various parts of it.

Collaboratively identify a few parts of the picture worth labelling. If appropriate, ask them to listen carefully for the initial phoneme of each word as you say it slowly. Once identified, if they know the corresponding grapheme, they can record it, but if not, help them do this. Then complete the rest of the word. Say the word aloud and ask your child to read it.

Help your child formulate the sentence they would like to record. Often a shorter sentence is more manageable. Monitor the process for your child, reminding them with gentle prompts, of the 'next step', for example 'should we re-read it again to make sure we've got all the words?'

### Options for your child

#### Activity too easy?

Encourage your child to write another sentence and add detail to their picture. Children need to build stamina when writing, so at this stage of their learning, whilst quality is most important, quantity is also important.

### Extension/Additional activity

- Once your child has determined the sentence they would like to write, ask whether the sentence can be improved with some describing words (adjectives) for each noun (naming word). For example, a child might like to write: Belinda only wanted Bessie to milk her. Ask if a word that describes Belinda would improve the sentence (stubborn) and encourage another word to describe Bessie (kind) So the sentence could be: Stubborn Belinda only wanted kind Bessie to milk her. This is much more interesting, as it gives finer detail about Belinda and Bessie.
- Build each day on the previous day's sentence, so a paragraph is gradually being built. For example:  
Day 1 – Stubborn Belinda only wanted kind Bessie to milk her.  
Day 2 – Bessie went to the busy town to visit her daughter.  
Day 3 – Old Tom had to dress up as Bessie to trick Belinda.  
Day 4 – Now there was plenty of milk for the hungry animals and Tom.  
Day 5 – Bessie wondered how brown mud got on her pink dress.
- Editing is an important skill, and your child will benefit from practising it as soon as they begin composing texts. This includes constant re-reading, adjusting and monitoring during the process.